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E. O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, NATO  
SUBJECT: REPORT TO ALLIES ON BREZHNEV- KISSINGER  
DISCUSSIONS  
REF: USNATO 2491 AND 2489

1. TICKELL, HEAD, NATO DEPT AT FCO, TODAY RAISED WITH  
US REPORT TO ALLIES ON RECENT BREZHNEV- KISSINGER  
DISCUSSIONS ( REFTELS). NOTING SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT  
MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD START ONLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF  
THIRD STAGE OF CSCE, TICKELL RECALLED TO US THAT BRITISH  
HAD MADE THEIR NEGATIVE VIEWS ON LINKAGE QUITE CLEAR TO  
US, OTHER ALLIES AND SOVIETS LAST FALL ( SEE LONDON 10015  
AND 10203 OF OCTOBER 1972). BRITISH REMAIN CONCERNED  
ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SOVIET POSITION FOR THE  
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ALLIANCE.

2. TICKELL THOUGHT IT IMPERATIVE THAT US ( HE SAW IT AS US RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO) MAKE QUITE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT LINKAGE WAS UNACCEPTABLE. TICKELL SAID THAT EC NINE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO RUSHING THROUGH SECOND STAGE OF CSCE WHICH THEY ENVISAGE AS NOT STARTING BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND RUNNING POSSIBLY UNTIL EARLY 1974. BRITISH CONCERN, TICKELL SAID, WAS THAT US, ANXIOUS TO GET MBFR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY IN SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER TIME FRAME, MIGHT PRESSURE ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MOVE RAPIDLY THROUGH SECOND STAGE OF CSCE. THIS EC NINE WOULD REFUSE TO DO AND CONSEQUENCE WOULD BE UNSEEMLY ROW IN NATO. IF, HOWEVER, US WOULD NOT BE DISTURBED BY SUBSTANTIAL SLIPPAGE OF SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, BRITISH WOULD HARDLY OBJECT. BUT IF, AS BRITISH ASSUMED, US STILL ATTACHED FIRST IMPORTANCE TO STARTING MBFR IN EARLY FALL, ONLY COURSE BRITISH COULD SEE WOULD BE FOR US TO LEAN ON RUSSIANS TO CONVINCE THEM TO DROP LINKAGE.

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